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LB 556
LR 18

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 2434-2435.)
33 ayes, 15 nays, 1 present, or excuse me, 1 excused and not
voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill not receiving four-fifths
plurality, the question is, shall the bill pass for submission
of such proposal at the next general election; 30 votes are
required. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you
voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 2435.)
33 ayes, 15 nays, 1 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is passed. Mr. Clerk, motions to
override gubernatorial vetoes.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have this morning is
by Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen would move that
LB 556 become law notwithstanding the objections of the
Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to
open on your motion to override LB 556.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the
Legislature. This is the bill which does a couple of different
things, and I want to talk to you just so you know what is in
the bill, first of all, and then what I believe the portion that
caused the veto and the policy choice, and I don't...you know,
whether these are issues that are well familiar to the body.
They are ones that I don't think require a difficult long
arduous debate. But the underlying bill is extremely important.
This is the bill that has the laws for the Highway Trust Fund.
The bill, as it came out of committee, obviously sets the price
for the license plates and the tags. There's a cap on that of
\$2.40. There's approximately a little over a 4 million dollar
loss to the Highway Trust Fund, which are construction road
funds, which are those funds that do maintenance. And the
purpose for the loss has been that when plates are printed and
then they're distributed to the counties, the Highway Trust Fund
pays the money up front. They are the bank. They spend the
money. The plates are manufactured. That's paid for, and then